IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 11526 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010774712026

Nanu @ Mruganka Sekhar Chhotaray .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. B. K. Ragada, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha .... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. C. Pradhan, ASC

ABLAPL No. 12378 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010835682026

Sangram Nayak @ Sambhu .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Pradhan, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha .... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. C. Pradhan, ASC

ABLAPL No. 12401 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010835642026

Abhijit Pradhan .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha .... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. C. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
20.11.2026

Order No.

02. 1. Since all the ABLAPLs relate to the same FIR, on the consent of the parties, they are taken up together for consideration and disposed of by this common order.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

3. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.553 of 2026 pending on the file of learned Gramya Nayalaya-cum-Court of JMFC, Puri arising out of Puri Sadar P.S. Case No.407 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 126(2)/ 296/ 115(2)/ 108(1)/ 109/ 303(2)/ 351(2)/ 3(5) BNS read with Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail, inter alia, on the ground that though the injuries suffered have been categorized as simple and since the Petitioners in ABLAPL Nos.12378 and 12401 of 2026 have criminal proclivity, no leniency ought to be shown particularly in respect of the said Petitioners.

5. Mr. Pradhan, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners in ABLAPL Nos.12378 and 12401 of 2026 submits that taking into account the nature of allegations, the criminal proclivity of the said

Petitioners ought not to weigh with this Court and more so the Petitioner in ABLAPL No.12401 of 2026 is not a name accused.

6. It is trite that the FIR is not an encyclopedia.

7. Considering the nature of the allegations and the criminal proclivity of the Petitioners in ABLAPL Nos.12378 and 12401 of 2026, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail in respect of the said Petitioners. However, the said Petitioners may surrender before the learned Gramya Nayalaya-cum-Court of JMFC, Puri in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of their surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned Gramya Nayalaya-cum-Court of JMFC, Puri on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned Gramya Nayalaya-cum-Court of JMFC, Puri, the said Petitioners are at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

8. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the said Petitioners on the same day.

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the said Petitioners and learned

Gramya Nayalaya-cum-Court of JMFC, Puri is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application.

Ground of parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court(s) below.

9. So far as the ABLAPL No.11526 of 2026 is concerned, taking into account the nature of allegations and the punishment prescribed, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the said Petitioner (Nanu @ Mruganka Sekhar Chhotaray) shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

10. If it comes to the fore that the said Petitioner has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

11. It is needless to state that the Petitioners shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

12. Accordingly, the ABLAPLs stand disposed of.

U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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